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SUBJECT: YONSEI PRESIDENT RESIGNS: STUDENT PROTEST INCREASES

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1. YONSEI PRESIDENT PAK TAE-SON ANNOUNCED APRIL 3 THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. PAK STATED THAT HE WAS RESIGNING FOR GOOD OF UNIVERSITY. IN RESIGNATION STATEMENT HE DEFENDED HIS DECISION TO REINSTATE PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS CONVICTED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES: HE NOTED THAT HE HAD COMPLETED REINSTATEMENT PROCEEDINGS MARCH 31 AND HAD OBTAINED RESEARCH GRANTS FOR PROFESSORS KIM TONG-KIL AND KIM CHAN-KUK. YONSEI BOARD CHAIRMAN YI CHON-HWAN PRAISED PAK FOR HIS SACRIFICE FOR THE INIVERSITY.

2. YONSEI STUDENTS MADE MOST OF RESIGNATION ANNOUNCEMENT DURING APRIL 3 DEMONSTRATIONS WHEN THEY CALLED FOR DISMISSAL EDUCATION MINISTER AND REINSTATEMENT YONSEI PRESIDENT. SOME DEMONSTRATORS MADE BRIEF SALLY OUT OF CAMPUS GATE BUT WERE DRIVEN BACK BY POLICE USING PEPPER FOG. AMERICAN ON SCENE REPORTS STUDENTS THREW
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BRICKS AND DAMAGED GATE GUARD HOUSE. OBSERVER ESTIMATED

SEVERAL THOUSAND STUDENTS INVOLVED; BY LATE AFTERNOON
MEDIA ESTIMATES 6,000 STUDENTS CONFRONTING POLICE.

3. RADIO APRIL 3 REPORTS OTHER UNIVERSITY DEMON-
STRATIONS. AT SNU 2,000 ROKC THROWING STUDENTS REPORTEDLY
ENGAGED POLICE AT CAMPUS GATE, AND AT SOGANG ESTIMATED
700 STUDENTS ALSO CONFRONTED POLICE.

4. COMMENT: YONSEI DEMONSTRATION WHICH LARGEST AND MOST
VIOLENT SO FAR THIS YEAR MAY HAVE BEEN KEYED
IN PART TO APRIL 3 ANNIVERSARY OF EMERGENCY MEASURE
NO 4 AS WELL AS TO UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION.
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